

REMARKS

Upon entry of this Response, claims 1, 5, 7, 9 and 15-20 are pending. Claim 1 is currently amended. No new claims have been added. No new matter has been added to the application. No fee for additional claims is due by way of this Response. The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Response, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

Examiner Interview

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the telephonic interview of June 11, 2007. During the interview, the Examiner and Mr. Eric M. Ringer discussed amending claim 1. It was agreed that amending claim 1 to recite the limitations of claims 13 and 14 would place claim 1 in condition for allowance. Claim 1 has been amended in the manner suggested by the Examiner.

Allowed Claims

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for allowing claims 15-20. In the Office Action and in the telephonic interview of June 11, 2007, the Examiner indicated that claim 14 would be allowable if written in independent form to include all of the limitations of its base claim and any intervening claim. Claim 14 depended directly from claim 13 and indirectly from claim 1. Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claims 13 and 14, thereby placing claim 1 and its dependent claims, claims 5, 7, and 9, in condition for allowance.

Information Disclosure

Applicants request entry and consideration of the references identified in the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed herewith. One of the references, GB 2 336 463, was cited in co-pending application having Publication No. 2004/0110086 and Serial No. 10/717,831 (hereinafter App. '831). App. '831 is being examined by Examiner Angebrannt.

In an Office Action, mailed December 11, 2006, Examiner Angebrannt issued a provisional nonstatutory obviousness type double patenting citing the present application. The Office Action by Examiner Angebrannt is included in the IDS.

The references are disclosed out of an abundance of caution and as a courtesy to the Examiner.

Conclusion

All of the claims remaining in the application are now clearly allowable. Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

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